

ARKANSAS
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



* Harvesting Sorghum, Cotton, Rice & Soybeans/Planting Wheat

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RELEASED: October 28, 2002 3:00 p.m.-Temperatures were near to below normal for the week with light rainfall over most of the state. According to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service there were 4.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 14 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 23 percent surplus.

CROPS: Corn and sorghum harvests are virtually complete, with rice harvest not far behind. Soybean and cotton harvests continue to be hampered by weekly rains and humid, wet conditions. Winter wheat and other cool season forages such as ryegrass and clover are being planted. Some counties continue reporting that there may be much less wheat planted this year if the rains continue.

LIVESTOCK: Cattle have remained in good condition throughout the year. Cattle are being worked, with older cows being culled and sold. Calves, also, are being weaned and sold. Most pasture improvements have been completed for the year with hay harvest virtually complete.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %					Condition %				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM									
Harvested	99	98	100	99					
COTTON					4	7	24	59	6
Harvested	57	37	76	81					
RICE									
Harvested	96	93	100	99					
SOYBEANS					2	12	29	42	16
Yellowing	96	91	99	95					
Shedding	91	82	95	92					
Mature ¹	85	69	--	77					
Harvested	50	40	68	65					
WHEAT					0	3	32	57	8
Planted	33	20	40	47					
Emerged	19	9	21	23					
OTHER HAY					4	15	32	42	7
PASTURE					4	21	39	32	4

¹ Previous year was not requested. The 5-year average is from 1996-2000.

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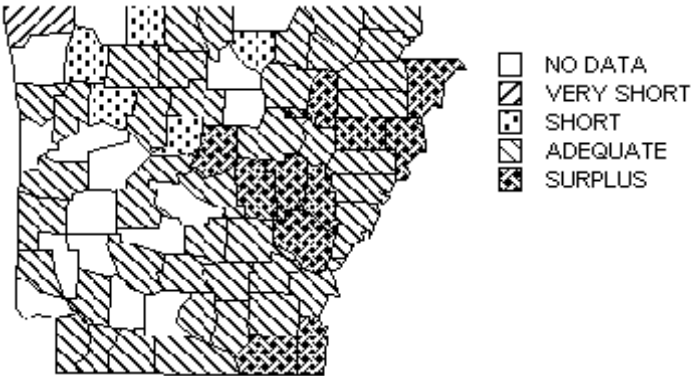
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

October 27, 2002. Temperatures were near to below normal. Light rainfall over much of the state. Eudora recorded the high temperature of 73° with several reporting stations recording the low temperature of 40°. Precipitation ranged from a high of 1.02 inches at Mena to several locations reporting no measurable rainfall.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING: October 27, 2002

DISTRICT AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	HIGH	LOW	DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	WEEK ENDING OCT 27	CURRENT OCT ACCUM.	OCT NORMAL	JANUARY-SEP	
							2002	NORMAL
1 Fayetteville	69	40	-2	0.31	1.25	3.74	34.79	34.34
Harrison	67	41	-2	0.37	1.58	3.50	38.10	33.11
2 Calico Rock	71	40	1	0.77	2.02	3.61	37.13	33.45
Greers Ferry	69	44	-1	0.06	1.62	4.21	37.13	36.25
Mountain Home	67	42	-1	0.70	1.33	3.14	40.08	32.84
3 Batesville	69	43	-1	0.36	2.03	4.00	30.66	34.03
Jonesboro	70	45	0	0.10	1.26	3.89	28.50	33.02
Keiser	70	44	0	0.04	4.41	3.38	33.97	36.75
Newport	70	43	-2	0.00	3.57	3.67	35.45	34.86
4 Booneville	68	44	-4	0.90	2.54	3.90	40.79	34.54
Clarksville	70	44	0	0.21	1.09	4.13	42.26	33.41
Dardanelle	71	40	-2	0.14	1.98	4.19	33.60	34.74
Ft. Smith	72	46	-2	0.50	1.33	3.94	39.50	31.74
Mena	64	45	-4	1.02	6.51	5.68	36.61	41.81
Ozark	70	44	-2	0.37	1.33	3.91	45.84	32.33
5 Conway	69	45	-3	0.10	2.71	4.03	32.49	34.61
Hot Springs	70	40	-5	0.19	4.63	5.21	34.50	40.99
Little Rock	69	49	-1	0.03	3.37	4.25	31.31	36.24
N Little Rock	69	48	-2	0.06	4.25	3.81	28.18	35.11
6 Brinkley	69	49	0	0.00	2.85	3.58	30.33	36.10
Marianna	69	49	0	0.00	3.69	3.79	33.45	38.37
Stuttgart	72	49	-1	0.00	5.63	3.83	38.66	38.66
7 Hope	70	52	-1	0.02	9.31	4.54	36.24	39.00
Texarkana	71	55	0	0.00	4.41	3.87	27.52	33.34
8 Camden	72	53	1	0.02	3.41	4.42	35.56	38.32
El Dorado	72	54	2	0.94	3.45	4.33	34.73	40.18
Warren	69	52	0	0.67	3.70	4.53	34.01	40.39
9 Eudora	73	53	1	0.81	4.13	3.93	36.26	41.56
Pine Bluff	72	51	-1	0.00	3.22	4.49	34.67	37.71
Rohwer	71	51	0	0.35	3.90	3.38	35.59	37.61

